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SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" Sir, I can understand individual constables being able to make representations direct to Government in cases of personal grievances but where a grievance is common to all constables how do the Government expect them to make individual representations, and, if not so, what is the channel that the Government propose to open up for the constables to make collective representations? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Sir, I am quite convinced that they have every facility to make representations of the kind mentioned without the assistance of the gentlemen opposite."

Representations from the Romperu Irrigation Development Committee.

* 508 *Q.*—SRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state whether any representation was made to the Government by the Romperu Irrigation Development Committee, Chirala, for the authorization of the Romperu Lands Committee with the Sub-Collector, Ongole, as its Chairman—

(1) to examine each case of encroachment of the Romperu lands and decide upon as to which of the encroachers deserve to possess the lands; and

(2) to investigate into the possibilities of providing irrigation facilities to these lands;

and if so, what action was taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Yes, Sir, the matter is receiving attention."

SRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH :—" Sir, may I know what are the specific terms of reference made to the Romperu Committee appointed by the Government and whether the Government have received the report of this Committee? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Sir, the Government have not yet received the report. The terms are to go into the various questions pertaining to the Romperu drain lands. A Special Deputy Collector has also been appointed to gather the necessary data."

The " Madras Information."

* 509 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state what are the aims and objects of Government in publishing " Madras Information? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" The aims and objects of the 'Madras Information' are to supply information on Government's policies and activities in the various departments—

(1) to the public in this State,

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(2) to persons outside the State, and

(3) to officers and staff of the various State departments to enable them to appreciate and emulate the activities and results achieved in others.

For this purpose facts, figures and articles in the journal are allowed to be freely quoted and republished by anybody."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Sir, is this publication intended to do propaganda for the views of the ruling party and, if not so, will the Government be pleased to give the views of the Opposition parties also in this publication? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" No propaganda is intended. Only a factual presentation of the policies and the activities of the Government is proposed to be given."

SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" May I know, Sir, whether it is a fact that the language editions of the ' Madras Information ' have been suspended and, if so, what are the reasons and, whether the same reasons would not reasonably apply to the English edition also? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" Sir, it was felt that there are a good number of English and language papers to give information on Government's policies and activities in this State and that it was necessary to continue the English version only for consumption mainly outside the State and by the departments of the Government."

SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" Are there not enough English papers giving details of the Madras Government's activities for the benefit of other States? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" Yes, Sir, there are some but it was felt that it was necessary to continue the English version of the ' Madras Information '."

SRI C. V. K. RAO :—" Sir, will the Hon. Minister in charge tell us how many pages of the ' Madras Information ' are devoted for the publication of the photographs of the Hon. Ministers? " (Laughter.)

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" Sir, that is one of the considerations why the publication of these have been stopped and they will be cut down to the minimum."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" Sir, are we to understand that the publication of the English version is for consumption outside the State and not inside the State? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" Sir, for consumption inside the State there is ample publicity in the daily press."